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SUMMARY: THE FIRST CONGRESS OF MOGENS GLISTRUP'S ANTI-TAX MOVEMENT, THE PROGRESSIVE PARTY, WAS HELD AUGUST 18-19. AT GLISTRUP'S INSISTENCE, THE CONGRESS DECIDED AGAINST FORMING A FORMAL PARTY ORGANIZATION BUT AUTHORIZED FORMATION OF LOCAL CLUBS WHICH ARE TO COOPERATE IN THE EVENT OF AN ELECTION. TO CONGRESS THUS REMAINED A MOVEMENT RATHER THAN A PARTY, ENSURING CONTINUED ABSOLUTE RULE BY ITS LEADER, GLISTRUP. POLLS INDICATED POPULAR SUPPORT IS ON THE DECLINE -- FROM 26 PERCENT IN APRIL TO APPROXIMATELY 16 PERCENT IN JUNE. END SUMMARY.

1. AMIDST CHARGES OF AUTOCRATIC RULE AND EVIDENCE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DECLINING POPULAR SUPPORT, 262 HAND-PICKED DELEGATES

CONVENED AT NYBORG STRAND DURING WEEKEND AUG 18-19 TO GIVE STRUCTURAL FORM TO THE MOGENS GLISTRUP ANTI-TAX MOVEMENT. PROPONENTS OF A FORMAL ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE, WITH MEMBERSHIP CARDS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS, WERE SUCCESSFULLY DEFEATED BY GLISTRUP, WHO REPORTEDLY WAS CONCERNED THAT HIS LEADERSHIP COULD BE THREATENED BY FACTIONS WITHIN THE MOVEMENT. THE DIVERGENCIES OF VIEWPOINTS EXPRESSED BY THE DELEGATES SUPPORTED THIS VIEW AND GLISTRUP RAN THE CONGRESS WITHOUT BENEFIT OF FORMAL VOTING PROCEDURES. IN THE END THE DELEGATES WON GLISTRUP'S ASSENT TO A COMPROMISE -- THE FORMATION OF REGIONAL AND LOCAL CLUBS OR ASSOCIATIONS WHICH WOULD PROVIDE BASIS FOR POLITICAL COOPERATION IN THE EVENT OF AN ELECTION. CANDIDATES FOR PARLIAMENT WOULD BE NOMINATED BY LOCAL CLUBS BUT GLISTRUP WAS GIVEN PREROGATIVE OF APPROVING ALL CANDIDATES. ALTHOUGH THE MOVEMENT MIGHT, IN THE EVENT AN ELECTION IS ANNOUNCED, TAKE ON MORE FORMAL STRUCTURE, THE CONGRESS DECISION ALLOWS GLISTRUP FREEDOM TO FORGE A MORE DISCIPLINED ORGANIZATION AROUND A PARTICULAR IDEOLOGY OR PROGRAM IN THE COMING MONTHS.

2. IN COURSE OF CONTRESS DISCUSSION, FOLLOWING ELEMENTS OF GLISTRUP'S POLITICAL PROGRAM EMERGED: DEFENSE- ALTHOUGH FAVORING IN PRINCIPLE COMPLETE DISSOLUTION OF DEFENSE FORCES, THE PARTY RECOGNIZED THAT THIS COULD NOT BE DONE IN PRACTICE BECAUSE OF DANISH MEMBERSHIP IN NATO. (PRESS COMMENTARY ESTIMATES THAT ONLY ABOUT HALF THE PARTY ACCEPTED THIS POSITION.) COLONIAL POLICY - DANISH SUBSIDY TO GREENLAND SHOULD BE REDUCED FROM THREE BILLION TO 100 MILLION KRONER. THE SUBSIDY TO FOREROE ISLANDS SHOULD BE ABOLISHED, LEAVING THE FAEROES FREE TO SEEK ANOTHER CONSTITUTIONAL ASSOCIATION, WITH "ENGLAND, NORWAY, OR SCOTLAND". DOMESTIC POLICY -REDUCTION OF STATE SUPPORT TO DANISH CHURCH TO TOKEN LEVEL AND REDUCTION I TOTAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET FROM 96 TO 64 BILLION KRONER. INCOME TAX TO BE SET AT FIFTY PERCENT OF ALL INCOME ABOVE 60 THOUSAND KRONER (TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS) IN 1975, EIGHTY THOUSAND KRONER (FOURTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS) IN 1976, ETC., UNTIL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMPLETELY ABOLISHED WITHIN SEVEN YEARS.

3. GLISTRUP'S PARTY IN MID-JUNE DECLINED TO 16 PERCENT FROM APRIL HIGH OF 26 PERCENT. FALL PROBABLY REFLECTS ABSENCE OF GLISTRUP FROM TV IN RECENT WEEKS DUE SUMMER POLITICAL DOLDRUMS AS WELL AS GROWING DISILLUSION WITH PARTY'S NEGATIVE PROTEXT CHARACTER AS SUPPORTERS FACED UP TO NECESSITY OF AGREEING UPON A SPECIFIC POLITICAL

PROGRAM. LATTER WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY DIFFICULTY
EXPERIENCED BY CONGRESS IN ADOPTING OFFICIAL STATEMENT
OF PURPOSE: "THE PROGRESSIVE PARTY IS A PARTY OF
SOCIAL CRITICISM WHICH, BY MEANS OF A NEW POLITICAL
PROGRAM, WILL SEEK TO CREATE A BETTER DECOCRACY IN
DENMARK". THIS STATEMENT WAS ADOPTED IN CONGRESS'
ONLY VOTE, 84 TO 56. THE NAY VOTERS REPORTEDLY WERE
OPPOSED TO THE ONLY TERM WITH MUCH SUBSTANCE IN THE
STATEMENT -- "A PARTY OF SOCIAL CRITICISM".
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